

House Resolution 2172

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Jordan of the 77th, and Sinkfield of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Clayton County Board of Education to uphold the oath taken by its members and
2 make its first and overarching priority the education and well being of the students of the
3 school system.

4 WHEREAS, the Clayton County school system faces severe unrest and troubling questions
5 about its management, including a threatened loss of accreditation by the Southern
6 Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); and

7 WHEREAS, there exists a grave lack of confidence in the board in broad segments of the
8 community; and the first of nine corrective actions identified by SACS is the need for the
9 school system to establish a governing board that is capable of fulfilling its roles and
10 responsibilities ; and

11 WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the State of Georgia the provision of an adequate
12 public education for the citizens is a primary obligation of the State of Georgia; and nothing
13 is more important to the future of our state than the education of our young people; and

14 WHEREAS, all public officers take a solemn oath to support the constitutions of the United
15 States and this state.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 this body does hereby urge the Clayton County Board of Education to uphold the oath taken
18 by its members and make its first and overarching priority the education and well being of
19 the students of the school system.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Clayton
22 County Board of Education.